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CREATED BY MEANS OF A RING CABLE LUG

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US Patent Publication No. US 6,193,566 corresponds to DE 697 21 912, US Patent Publication No. US 6,293,830 corresponds to DE 100 08 820, US Patent Publication No. US 5,704,815 corresponds to DE 196 14 371, and US Patent Publication Nos. US 5,619,251 and US 5,715,020 correspond to EP 0 629 020.

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- ☒ Form PTO-1449(s)
- ☒ Documents
- ☒ International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210 and PCT/ISA/220)
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